

League of Gay and Lesbian Voters

Primary Election 2000 Voters' Guide

RESPONDING TO UNRESPONSIVE CANDIDATES

As much as we try to provide candidates with every opportunity to address issues of concern to our community, not all choose to do so. We have often been asked what can be done about such candidates. The most effective action is for constituents to tell the candidates that they are unhappy and insulted that the candidate did not respond to LGLV's questionnaire. You can let them know, for example, that you may not vote for them because they do not believe our issues are important. There are two situations in which communicating this message to candidates seems to have been particularly effective: during campaign events (rallies, debates, etc.) and at the polls, when a candidate shows up to stump for last minute votes. Your comments may elicit a response to LGLV's questionnaire the next time the candidate runs for office.

USING THIS GUIDE

The Guide is designed to be used either by itself or in conjunction with information on other issues important to you. It is not a slate, and nothing in the Guide constitutes an endorsement. **Both ratings and written summaries must be used together for a clear evaluation of a candidate; they do not stand alone.** They show the strengths and weaknesses of various candidates across the spectrum of lesbian/gay issues. Sometimes candidates may be equal overall in ratings, but differ on their strengths within the range of lesbian/gay issues. Candidates for whom we had too little information in every category to rate have no entry in a rating table.

Besides providing information about candidates running for various offices, this Guide can also be used to help determine districts where potential candidates supportive of lesbian/gay civil liberties need to be found and encouraged to run. Indeed, we encourage such use of this information.

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SUBJECTS COVERED

We have covered certain areas of general concern for lesbian/gay people.

Equality: The area of equality concerns issues of discrimination and protection from discrimination. This includes questions such as whether they would hire a qualified, openly lesbian/gay person or support anti-discrimination legislation.

Marriage: This area deals with same-sex marriage (or a legal equivalent), domestic partnership benefits, and other issues related to the goal of attaining the legal tools necessary to care for our partners as well as our married heterosexual counterparts can.

Custody: This area deals with child custody, adoption and foster care by lesbian/gay people.

Violence: This area addresses the problem of hate crimes against lesbian/gay people... lesbian/gay bashing.

Military: This area deals with discrimination against lesbian/gay military personnel.

AIDS: This area deals with AIDS policies of all sorts, including policies and funding in research, treatment, and prevention.

Legend

✓✓ - Excellent	NA - Not Applicable
✓ - Good	NB - No Basis for Evaluation
0, ➡ - Neutral	🗳️ - Democrat
✗ - Unsatisfactory	🐘 - Republican
✗✗ - Poor	

ENDA - Employment Non-Discrimination Act

**Voters' Guide for
the Lehigh Valley and
Northeastern Pennsylvania**
(Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Columbia,
Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming,
Monroe, Montour, Northampton,
Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder,
Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union,
Wayne, and Wyoming)

President

Note: Bill Bradley and John McCain have withdrawn from the race, and therefore are not covered in this guide.

Al Gore

- ✓ Supports the Employment Non-Discrimination Act which would prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ✓ Believes lesbian people should be able to serve openly in the military
- ✓ Supports legal protections for domestic partnerships
- * Opposes the recognition of same-sex marriage

George W. Bush

- ✓ Would appoint qualified candidates to positions regardless of sexual orientation
- ✓ During the 1998 Republican convention, urged the GOP to allow Texas's Log Cabin Republicans, who had been banned from setting up a booth, to do so.
- * Opposes the recognition of same-sex marriage
- * Opposes adoption by lesbian people
- * As governor, opposed adding sexual orientation to Texas's antidiscrimination law.
- * As governor, opposed repealing Texas's sodomy law
- * As governor, opposed adding sexual orientation to Texas's hate crimes law.

PA Attorney General

James Eisenhower

- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill
- ✓ Would make the prosecution of hate crimes a priority

John Morganello

- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

Mike Fisher

- * Opposes adding sexual orientation to PA's current hate crimes (he has flip flopped on this issue frequently)
- * Failed to take any significant action in the anti-lesbian violence and harassment at the Casa Nova when the Somerset County DA failed to act on it.

PA Treasurer

Catherine Bake Knoll

- ✓ Would establish a nondiscrimination policy in the Treasurers Office.
- ✓ Would appoint qualified, openly gay people to her staff

Barbara Hafer

- ✓ Implemented a nondiscrimination policy including sexual orientation in the Treasurer's Office
- ✓ Has appointed qualified, openly gay people to her staff "and would do so again"
- ✓ "Lesbians and gays are citizens and taxpayer and deserve to be respected as such by their government. I have a long history of opposing discrimination against lesbians and gays, and ensuring equal opportunity regardless of sexual orientation. My record has earned me the endorsement of lesbian and gay organizations in the past. I will be reaching out to lesbians and gays again this year and asking that you vote for me — not only because of my strong record on sexual orientation issues, but also because of my

strong record on protecting your tax dollars."

There was no response or data from candidates running for Auditor General.

US Senate

Phil Berg

- ✓ Would cosponsor legislation banning discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual orientation
- ✓ "On with AIDS should automatically be covered by Medicaid with the waiver of any financial requirements"
- ✓ "I will support all issues that the lesbian and gay community supports."

Tom Foley

- ✓ Banned discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in his office as the Secretary of Labor and Industry

Ron Klink

- ✓ Cosponsor of ENDA
- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act
- ✓ Voted against prohibiting the development of curriculum designed to prevent anti-lesbian hate crimes by addressing anti-lesbian violence and prejudice
- ✓ Voted against gutting the executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in the federal civilian workforce
- ✓ Voted against prohibiting Washington DC from funding needle exchange programs for AIDS prevention
- ✓ Voted against prohibiting adoption by lesbian couples in Washington DC
- ✓ Supports recognition of same-sex relations for purposes of income tax, inheritance tax, and veteran's benefits
- * Voted to prohibit federal recognition of same-sex marriages
- * Voted to codify the ban against lesbian people in the military
- * Voted against federal funding for needle exchange programs for AIDS prevention

Murray Levin

- ✓ Would cosponsor legislation banning discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual orientation

Bob Rovner

- ✓ Would cosponsor and lobby for ENDA
- ✓ "As a former prosecutor, I learned from direct experience that criminals perpetrate hate crimes in part because they believe that the government shares in their prejudice... To end hate crimes, our government must show without equivocation that it protects and fights for each and every one of its citizens. We can do this by passing Hate Crimes legislation that specifically includes ALL members of the sexual minority community. Additionally, by repealing DoMA and passing ENDA, we will remove any doubt that government regards all citizens as equal under the law."
- ✓ "We must take direct and constant steps to give people the information they need to avoid contracting the virus. Next is research funding. Every dollar we put into research has the potential to save ten dollars on the price of medication — which in the case of HIV medication is outrageously high — a

Note: Candidates for whom there is no response or data are not listed in this guide.

price most often paid with Medicare. Third, we must take steps to allow current drugs to be sent to developing nations without proprietary restrictions. It is unconscionable that people in other nations are denied available medication because of greed."

- ✓ "I believe government has an absolute duty to protect all of its citizens in their jobs, their homes, and on the street. To me, that means passing ENDA, repealing DoMA, and passing federal Hate Crimes legislation."

Allyson Schwartz

- ✓ Cosponsor of hate crimes legislation in the PA Senate which will add sexual orientation to the current hate crimes law, among other categories, as well and strengthen the current statute to make it more enforceable.
- ✓ Has provided significant assistance on many legislative issues facing the lesbian community
- ✓ Voted against banning recognition of same-sex marriage (one of only five to do so)
- ✓ Supports the recognition of same-sex domestic partnerships
- ✓ "I will work actively to secure passage of legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, and federal government programs. As a state Senator, I have demonstrated the ability to work in coalition with advocacy organizations and build bipartisan alliances to make progress on behalf of all Pennsylvanians."
- ✓ "Congress should not hesitate to add sexual orientation to our nation's Hate Crimes law. As a state Senator, I have worked to secure funds to help local communities promote tolerance and prevent hate crimes before they occur."
- ✓ "Some of the modifications in current policy for the care and treatment of people with AIDS that I support include:
Affordably priced pharmaceuticals. I will use my position in the United States Senate to push the pharmaceutical industry to price their products reasonably, and to bring to market in a timely fashion promising new therapies.
Reform Medicaid. Low income persons should not have to wait until they have full-blown AIDS before qualifying for treatment benefits under Medicaid.
Managed Care Reform. As the health care marketplace continues to change, and more and more consumers are enrolled in managed care, it becomes critical that Congress pass a strong Patients Bill of Rights to protect access to quality health care, regardless of one's health status.
- ✓ "Our commonwealth and our nation are strengthened when tolerance overcomes hate, and we use our diversity as an asset, not as tool to divide. Changing our laws will not by itself end ignorance, hate and discrimination. But it is an important place to start. As a United States Senator, I will work to move the United States of America forward as more united, tolerant and caring nation."

Rick Santorum

*Voted against the Employment Non-Discrimination Act in 1996

*Voted to prohibit federal recognition of same-sex marriages, and to permit states to not recognize such marriages.

US Congress - District 5

John Peterson

✓ As a PA Senator, introduced the PA HIV Confidentiality Act, and protected it against harmful amendments.

* Voted to prohibit the development of curriculum designed to prevent anti-lesbian hate crimes by addressing anti-lesbian violence and prejudice

* As a PA Senator, cosponsored legislation prohibiting recognition of same-sex marriages in PA

* Voted to prohibit San Francisco from enforcing its nondiscrimination policy when using some federal funds for city contracts

* Voted to prohibit adoption by lesbian couples in Washington DC

* Voted to gut the executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in the federal civilian workforce

* Voted to reduce funding for the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS program by \$21 million

* Voted against any funding of needle exchange programs for AIDS prevention

* Supports decreasing federal AIDS funding

US Congress - District 6

Tim Holden

✓ Voted against gutting the executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in the federal civilian workforce

✓ Voted against prohibiting the development of curriculum designed to prevent anti-lesbian hate crimes by addressing anti-lesbian violence and prejudice

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Marriage	Custody	Violence	Military	AIDS
US Senate						
President						
Gore	✓✓	0	NA	✓	✓✓	✓
Bush	✖✖	✖✖	NA	✖✖	NB	NB
PA Attorney General						
Eisenhower	✓	NA	NA	✓	NA	✓
Fisher	✖	NA	NA	✖✖	NA	NB
Morganelli	✓	NA	NA	✓	NA	✓
PA Treasurer						
Hafer	✓✓	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Knoll	✓	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
US Senate						
Berg	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Foley	✓✓	NB	NA	✓	NA	✓
Klink	✓✓	✖✖	NA	✓✓	✖✖	✖✖
Levin	✓✓	NB	NA	NB	NB	NB
Rovner	✓✓	✓✓	NA	✓✓	✓	✓✓
Schwartz	✓✓	✓✓	NA	✓✓	✓	✓✓
Santorum	✖✖	✖✖	NA	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖
US Congress - District 05						
Peterson	✖✖	✖✖	NA	NB	NB	✖
US Congress - District 06						
Holden	0	✖✖	NA	✓	✖✖	✖✖
US Congress - District 10						
Casey	✖	NB	NA	NB	NB	✖
Sherwood	✖	NB	NA	✖	NB	✖
US Congress - District 11						
Kanjorski	0	✖✖	NA	✓	✖	0
Urban	✖	NB	NA	NB	NB	✖
US Congress - District 15						
O'Brien	✓	NB	NA	✓	NB	NB
Toomey	✖	NB	NA	✖	NB	NB

* Voted to prohibit federal recognition of same-sex marriages

* Voted to prohibit San Francisco from enforcing its nondiscrimination policy when using some federal funds for city contracts

* Voted to prohibit adoption by lesbian couples in Washington DC

* Voted to repeal the D.C. Domestic Partnership Act.

US Congress - District 10

Patrick Casey

* Does not support adding sexual orientation to federal antidiscrimination laws

* Does not support needle exchange programs for AIDS prevention

Don Sherwood

* Voted to prohibit the development of curriculum designed to prevent anti-lesbian hate crimes by addressing anti-lesbian violence and prejudice

* Does not support adding sexual orientation to federal antidiscrimination laws

* Voted to prohibit adoption by lesbian couples in Washington DC

* Does not support needle exchange programs for AIDS prevention

US Congress - District 11

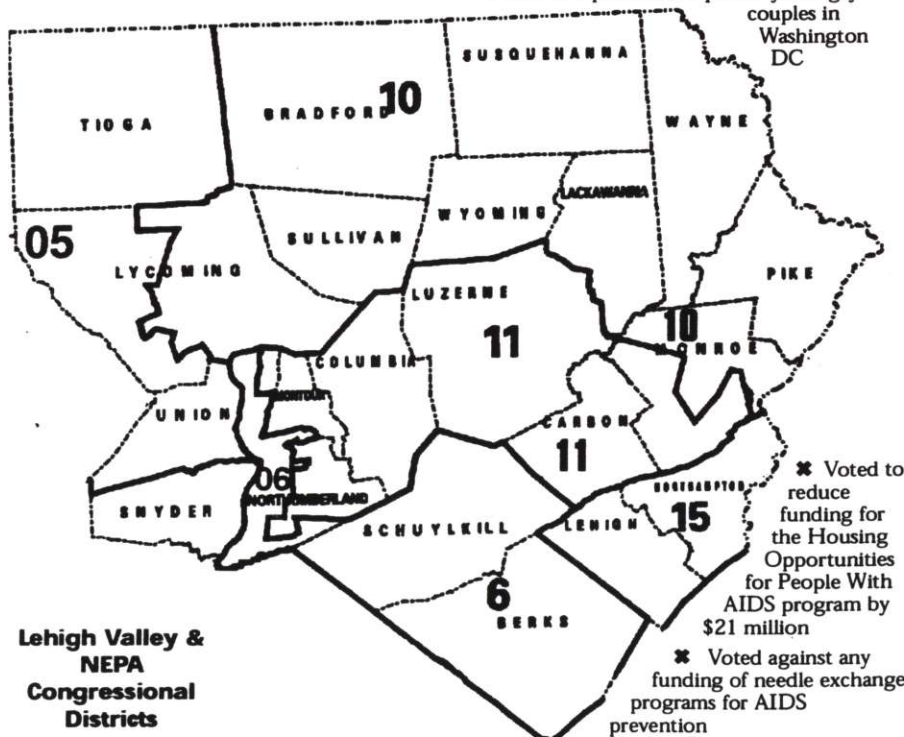
Paul Kanjorski

✓ Voted against prohibiting the development of curriculum designed to prevent anti-lesbian hate crimes by addressing anti-lesbian violence and prejudice

✓ Voted against gutting the executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in the federal civilian workforce

✓ Voted against prohibiting San Francisco from enforcing its nondiscrimination policy when using some federal funds for city contracts

✓ Voted against prohibiting adoption by lesbian couples in Washington DC



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- ✓Voted against prohibiting funding needle exchange programs for AIDS prevention
- ✗Voted to prohibit Washington DC from using federal funds, but not from using it's own funds, for needle exchange programs to prevent HIV transmission
- ✗Does not support adding sexual orientation to federal antidiscrimination laws

✗Voted to prohibit federal recognition of same-sex marriages

✗Voted to reduce funding for the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS program by \$21 million

Stephen A. Urban 🐘

✗Does not support adding sexual orientation to federal antidiscrimination laws

✗Does not support needle exchange programs for AIDS prevention

US Congress - District 15

Ed O'Brien 🐘

✓Would cosponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act

✓Would cosponsor the Federal Hate Crimes Bill

Pat Toomey 🐘

✗Voted to prohibit the development of curriculum designed to prevent anti-lesbigay hate crimes by addressing anti-lesbigay violence and prejudice

✗Voted to prohibit adoption by lesbigay couples in Washington DC

PA Senate - District 11

Michael O'Pake 🐘

✓Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Name	Candidate Rating Table				
	Equality	Marriage	Custody	Violence	AIDS
PA Senate - Districts 11-29					
O'Pake	✓	✗	NB	✓	✓
Madigan	NB	✗	NB	NB	NB
Helfrick	NB	✗✗	NB	NB	NB
Rhoades	NB	✗	NB	NB	NB

✗Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA..

PA Senate - District 23

Roger Madigan 🐘

✗Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

PA Senate - District 27

Edward Helfrick 🐘

✗Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA

PA Senate - District 29

James Rhoades 🐘

✗Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

There was no response from or data for candidates running for Districts 83, 110 & 114

PA House - District 68

Matthew Baker 🐘

✗Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✗Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees

PA House - District 82

Dan Clark 🐘

✓Supports sex education stressing both abstinence and safer sex practices

✗Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees

✗Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage

✗Opposes adding sexual orientation to Pennsylvania antidiscrimination laws

PA House - District 84

Brett Feese 🐘

✗Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees

✗Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✗On whether sexual orientation should be a factor in child custody decisions: "Sexual orientation should be a factor which the court is entitled to consider."

PA House - District 85

Russ Fairchild 🐘

✗Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees

✗Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage

✗Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

✗Cosponsored legislation significantly weakening the HIV Confidentiality Law

PA House - District 107

Robert Belfanti 🐘

✓Supports adding sexual orientation to Pennsylvania antidiscrimination laws

✓Supports sex education stressing safer sex practices

✗Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees

✗Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage

✗Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill

Chris Pfaff 🐘

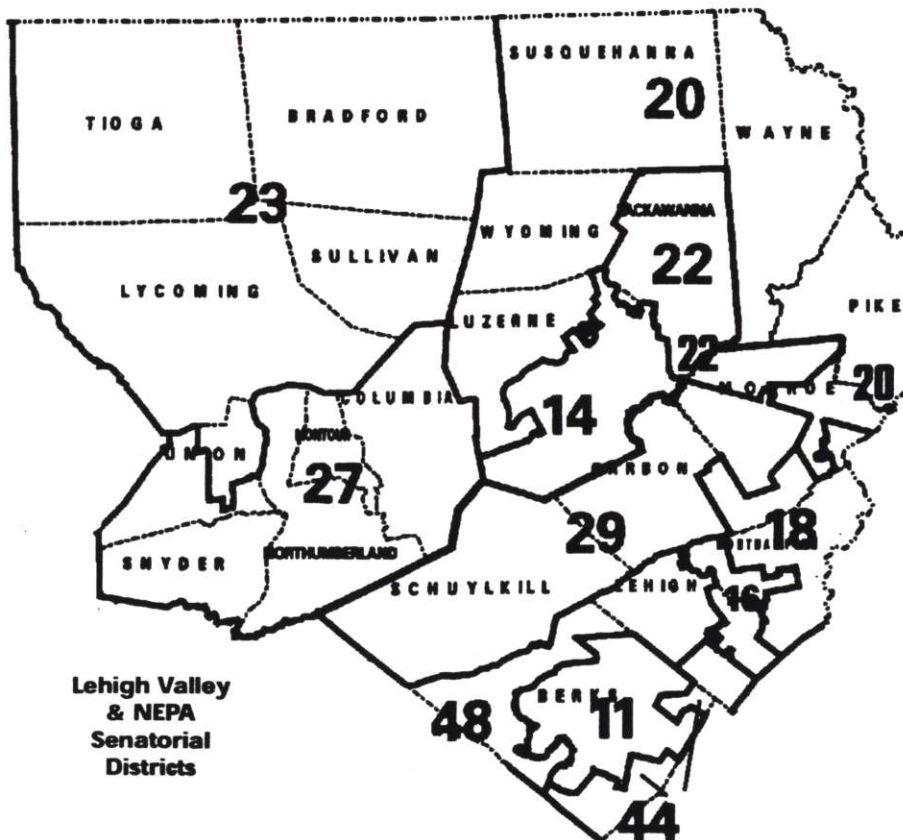
✗"Absolutely no bad influence from queerdom should defile children — adopted, foster, or other."

✗"We, the people (in our self-governing society) have such right [to regulate private consensual adult sexual behavior]. Question rephrased to 'should we exercise our societal right?' Sure!"

✗Would relay on the private sector to fund AIDS/HIV programs

✗The only AIDS/HIV program he suggested was "Sexual abstinence education. That is, waiting until legal recognition of heterosexual wedlock of one man to one woman (neither artificially changed)."

✗"Repent of your sin; it is sin. Turn to the one true living God of the Bible for forgiveness."



**Lehigh Valley
& NEPA
Senatorial
Districts**

PA House - District 108**Merle Phillips** 🏠

- ✳Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill
- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA

PA House - District 109**John Gordner** 🏠

- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage.

Conrad Gosciminski, Sr. 🏠

- ✳Opposes adding sexual orientation to Pennsylvania antidiscrimination laws
- ✳Opposes recognition of same-sex marriage

PA House - District 111**Sandra Major** 🏠

- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage

PA House - District 112**Fred Belardi** 🏠

- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✳Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill

PA House - District 113**Gaynor Cawley** 🏠

- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✳Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill
- ✳Opposes adding sexual orientation to Pennsylvania antidiscrimination laws
- ✳Supports abstinence-based sex education

PA House - District 115**Edward Staback** 🏠

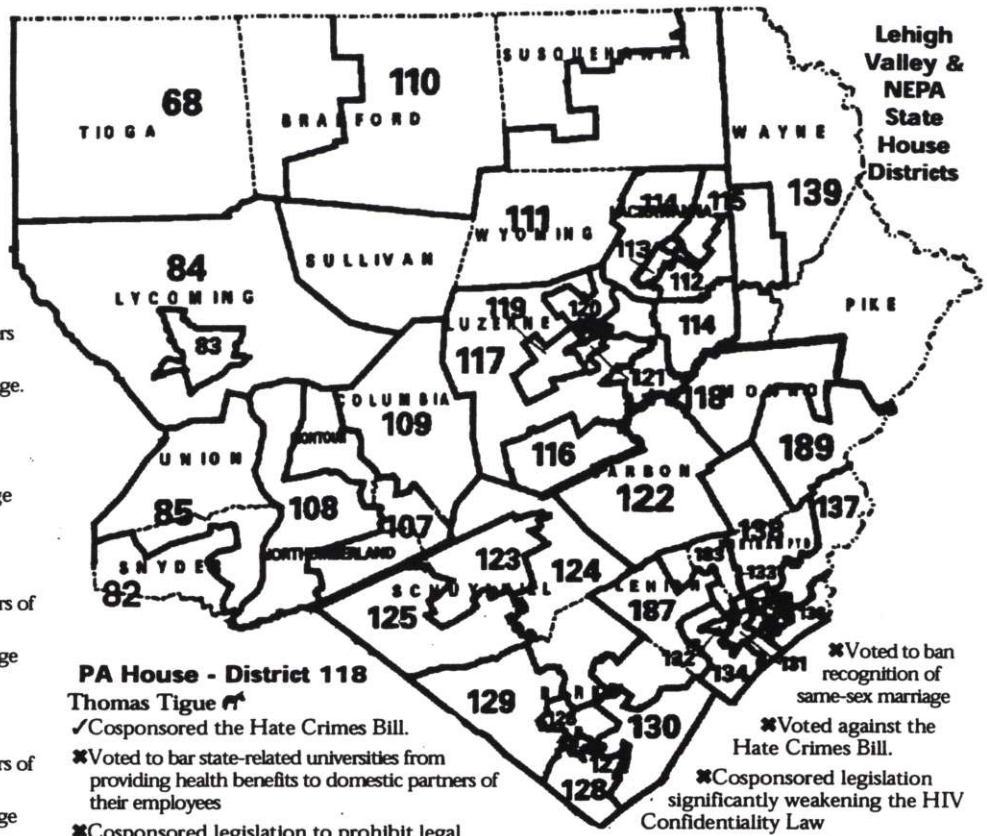
- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✳Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✳Cosponsored legislation significantly weakening the HIV Confidentiality Law

PA House - District 116**Todd Eachus** 🏠

- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees

PA House - District 117**George Hasay** 🏠

- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✳Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✳Cosponsored legislation significantly weakening the HIV Confidentiality Law

**PA House - District 118****Thomas Tighe** 🏠

- ✓Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✳Cosponsored legislation significantly weakening the HIV Confidentiality Law

PA House - District 119**John Yudichak** 🏠

- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees

PA House - District 120**Phyllis Mundy** 🏠

- ✓Voted against barring state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✓Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage.

PA House - District 121**Kevin Blaum** 🏠

- ✓Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill in a previous session
- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✳Has opposed adding sexual orientation to Pennsylvania antidiscrimination laws due to objections from the local bishop

Stephen J. Urban 🏠

- ✳Opposes protection from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
- ✳Opposes recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✳Supports abstinence-based sex education

PA House - District 122**Keith McCall** 🏠

- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees

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- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✳Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✳Cosponsored legislation significantly weakening the HIV Confidentiality Law

PA House - District 123**Edward Lucyk** 🏠

- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Cosponsored legislation banning recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✳Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill

PA House - District 124**David Argall** 🏠

- ✓Previously, had cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill
- ✓Supports adding sexual orientation to Pennsylvania antidiscrimination laws
- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Cosponsored legislation banning recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✳Supports abstinence-based sex education

PA House - District 125**Bob Allen** 🏠

- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✳Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill

PA House - District 126**Dante Santoni** 🏠

- ✓Supports sex education stressing both abstinence and safer sex practices
- ✳Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✳Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage

PA House - District 127

Thomas Caltagirone 

- ✓Previously, had cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill
- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- *Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage

PA House - District 128

Tom Herman 

- ✓"I really need more information on [the issue of same-sex marriage]. I would lean to support some legal equivalent; perhaps marriage. I believe the real crime is providing restrictions against two people who love each other."
- ✓"I oppose discrimination in any form and/or fashion. Hate groups of all kinds are increasing at an alarming rate in PA (as per Southern Poverty Law Center research) and must be stopped when and where we find them. Human beings are people first. Sexual orientation is simple a demographic like any other descriptive information."

Samuel Rohrer 

- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- *Cosponsored legislation banning recognition of same-sex marriage
- *Cosponsored legislation significantly weakening the HIV Confidentiality Law
- *Has been active with the Pennsylvania Family Institute, an extreme right-wing group affiliated with the national radical organization called Focus on the Family.

PA House - District 129

Sheila Miller 

- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- *Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage
- *Cosponsored legislation significantly weakening the HIV Confidentiality Law

PA House - District 130


Dennis Leh 

- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- *Cosponsored legislation banning recognition of same-sex marriage
- *Cosponsored legislation significantly weakening the HIV Confidentiality Law
- *Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- *Has repeatedly attacked the lesbian community. He is one of the most vocally anti-lesbian state legislators.
- *"This [the Hate Crimes Bill] is not only offensive to me but to all the decent, legitimate minorities in Pennsylvania. These people whom we are going to give this privileged minority status to are not simply the gentlemen who like to walk around holding hands. They do have an agenda. The agenda is to turn our society upside down... This bill will require us to remove the slogan 'America Starts Here' to [sic] 'America Ends Here,' because sodomy has always resulted in the collapse of a civilization."

- *"This [lesbian sexual orientation] is a choice that these people make. They are not naturally inclined to this lifestyle, if that is what you wish to call it."

PA House - District 131

Peter Antonsen 

- ✓Would cosponsor a bill adding sexual orientation to the PA Human Relations Act.
 - ✓Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bills.
 - ✓Supports recognition of same-sex marriage.
- Kurt Derr 
- ✓As President of Penn State's Student Senate, testified before the University Board of Trustees in favor of adding sexual orientation to their nondiscrimination policy.
 - ✓Would cosponsor a bill adding sexual orientation to the PA Human Relations Act.
 - ✓Supports a legal equivalent to marriage like domestic partnership.
 - ✓Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bills.

Pat Browne 

- ✓Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bills
- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- *Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage

PA House - District 132

Jennifer Mann 


- ✓Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill
- ✓Supports adding sexual orientation to Pennsylvania antidiscrimination laws
- ✓Supports sex education stressing both abstinence and safer sex practices.
- ✓Voted against barring state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✓Spoke in favor of the Hate Crimes Bills at the Lehigh Valley Pride Festival

PA House - District 133

T.J. Rooney 

- ✓Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill
- ✓Voted against barring state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✓Supports adding sexual orientation to Pennsylvania antidiscrimination laws
- ✓Has actively supported efforts in the community to fight AIDS
- ✓Spoke in favor of the Hate Crimes Bills at Northampton Community College
- *Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage

PA House - District 134


Charles Smith 

- ✓Supports the Hate Crimes Bill

Jane Baker 

- Once publicly supported the Lehigh Valley Pride Festival through a proclamation, but has since chosen not to do so.

PA House - District 135

Steve Samuelson 

- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees

Mark Mitman 

- *Opposes adding sexual orientation to Pennsylvania antidiscrimination laws

- *Opposes recognition of same-sex marriage
- ✓Supports sex education stressing both abstinence and safer sex practices.


PA House - District 136

Bob Freeman 

- ✓Voted against barring state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- ✓Supports adding sexual orientation to Pennsylvania antidiscrimination laws
- ✓Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill when he was previously in the PA House
- ✓Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act
- ✓"It is the content of a person's character that we should judge people by, not their race, creed, religion, or sex/sexual orientation"

PA House - District 137

Richard Grucela 

- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- Leonard Gruppo 
- *Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
 - *Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill

PA House - District 138

Craig Dally 

- *Opposes recognition of same-sex marriage
- *Supports abstinence-based sex education
- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees

PA House - District 139

Jerry Birmelin 

- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- *Opposes protection from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
- *Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage
- *Supports abstinence-based sex education
- *Cosponsored legislation significantly weakening the HIV Confidentiality Law
- *Former lobbyist of Pennsylvanians for a Biblical Majority
- *When debating the Hate Crimes Bill, said "...the bill is part of an agenda of the gay community to validate and give legal standing to lifestyles that millions of Pennsylvanians find offensive to the most fundamental moral beliefs..."

PA House - District 183


Frank Yandrisevits 

- ✓Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill when he was a state representative

Julie Harhart 

- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- *Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage

PA House - District 187

Paul Semmel 

- *Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees
- *Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage
- *Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill

Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Marriage	Custody	Violence	AIDS
PA House - Districts 68-85					
Baker	NB	***	NB	NB	NB
Clark	*	***	NB	NB	✓
Feese	***	***	*	0	0
Fairchild	NB	***	NB	*	***
PA House - Districts 107-117					
Belfanti	✓	***	NB	*	0
Pfaff	***	***	***	***	***
Phillips	NB	***	NB	*	NB
Gordner	NB	***	NB	NB	NB
Gosciminski	*	*	NB	NB	NB
Major	NB	***	NB	NB	NB
Belardi	NB	***	NB	*	NB
Cawley	*	***	NB	*	*
Staback	NB	***	NB	*	***
Eachus	NB	*	NB	NB	NB
Hasay	NB	***	NB	*	***
PA House - Districts 118-129					
Tigue	NB	***	NB	✓✓	***
Yudichak	NB	*	NB	NB	NB
Mundy	NB	*	NB	✓✓	NB
Blaum	*	***	NB	✓	NB
Urban	*	*	NB	NB	*
McCall	NB	***	NB	*	***
Lucyk	NB	***	NB	*	NB
Argall	✓	***	NB	✓	0
Allen	NB	***	NB	*	NB
Santoni	NB	***	NB	NB	✓
Caltagirone	NB	***	NB	✓	NB
Herman	✓	✓	✓	✓	0
Rohrer	*	***	*	*	***
Miller	NB	***	NB	NB	***
PA House - Districts 130-139					
Leh	***	***	***	***	***
Antonsen	*	*	*	✓	*
Derr	✓✓	*	✓	✓✓	✓
Browne	NB	***	NB	✓✓	NB
Mann	✓	✓	NB	✓✓	✓
Rooney	✓	*	NB	✓✓	✓
Smith	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB
Baker	0	NB	NB	NB	NB
Samuelson	NB	*	NB	NB	NB
Mitman	*	*	NB	NB	✓
Freeman	✓	0	*	✓	✓
Grucela	NB	*	NB	NB	NB
Gruppo	NB	*	NB	*	NB
Dally	NB	***	NB	NB	*
Birmelin	***	***	***	***	***
PA House - Districts 183-189					
Yandrisevits	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB
Harhart	NB	***	NB	NB	NB
Semmel	NB	***	NB	*	NB
Battisto	NB	***	NB	✓	***

PA House - District 189

Joseph Battisto 

✓Has voted for the Hate Crimes Bill

*Voted to bar state-related universities from providing health benefits to domestic partners of their employees (he voted in favor on the final vote.; however, he did vote against the initial amendment)

*Voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage

*Cosponsored legislation significantly weakening the HIV Confidentiality Law



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